VALUE OF CANAL CITED BY M'KEAN

Commander Predicts Savings of Millions in Moving U. S. War Craft.

YOUNGER ADMIRALS IS COL. THOMPSON'S PLEA

Not Properly Qualified to Handle Fleets in War Under Present Law, He Says.

The importance of the Panama canal from a defensive standpoint, the inadepromotion of naval officers and the necessity for greater development of aeronauties were discussed by prominent navy experts today at a meeting of the Navy League of the United States, held at the New Willard. The principal speakers were Commander J. S. McKean, U. S. N. and Capt. W. J. Chambers, U. S. N. Discussing the "strategetic value of the Panama canal to the navy," Commander McKean delivered an illustrated lecture, showing the way in which the Canal Zone is to be fortified.

"The public, Congress and press, and, I fear, some naval officers got the impression that the Panama canal by furnishing a short cut between the two oceans liliaries that go with them by 1925, since other powers, but an effort is to be "doubled our fleet," he said.

Mobility Is Increased.

"What the canal really will do is to increase immensely our fleet's "mobility" -freedom and speed of movement-by permitting a rapid transfer and concentration in either ocean, and it simplifies and reduces the cost of our logistics-that is, the supply and maintenance of the fleet on the way to and in the area of operations

'The canal, in the case of a fleet consisting of forty-eight battleships and their attendant satellites, would save \$6,000,000 in fuel and sixty days in time reduce the number of colliers, storeships, etc., by at least 100 vessels of 5,000 tons each, costing \$50,000,000.

Other Possible Savings.

in time would save more in the total little less easy to imagine a case where this sixty days' saving might entirely prevent a war costing ten times the cost of the canal."

Desires Younger Admirals.

Col. Thompson said that a law is needed giving the navy younger admirals. The admiral is the most important man of the fleet, he said, and in time of battle his skill and experience count for more than the bravery of the other officers of the skill of the gun pointers. Continuing, he declared:

"Under the present law our admirals are too old when they reach flag rank, and they have had too little experience i command to be properly qualified for handling a fleet in time of war. When emergency comes if our admirals are efficient it is not because of the working o the present law, but in spite of it The new law suggested by the Navy Department would bring about a better condition, and I am sure that if the people understood the facts they would quickly make Congress pass a personnel law which would give us at times a sufficient number of admirals of experience and proved ability, and not wait to evolve them during a period of

Cost of the United States Navy.

"The cost of our navy today is abou equal to what we pay for tires for our automobiles. If we are willing to pay the navy as much as we are paying for chauffeurs we could promptly build enough ships to make us superior on the sea to any nation (Great Britain excepted), and to so officer and man our fleet as to insure that the blessings of peace will remain with us and the horrors of war never touches our shores. Capt. W. I. Chambers, U. S. N., de-

is no reason for not developing the honor of allowing his vessel, the Fram, hind other leading nations in its advance in aeronautics, he declared, and greatly needs an aeronautical laboras

Admiral Selfridge's Suggestions. Rear Admiral Selfridge proposed two

and encouraging young men to enlist by making them serve only three years actively, and then remain on the reserve list for seven years. During the reserve period they would be required to go on duty one month out of each year, and be paid nominal salaries. Admiral Selfridge's second plan aims to get younger officers in positions of command in the navy, and give them more actual experience. He proposed that in the lower grades of naval manding Fort Myer, Va., has informed officers the officers themselves should assist in selecting the men to be promoted. The present condition of naval officers is deplorable, he said. This afternoon the delegates are at Fort Myer, witnessing a special cavalry drill arranged by Col. Joseph Garrard, commandant of the post Tonight the annual dinner of the league is to be held at the New Wil-Secretary of the Navy Daniels will be the guest of honor and Vice President Marshall and several members of the cabinet are expected to attend and make addresses. Gen. Horace

The convention will be brought to a close tomorrow with an inspection of the Washington navy. yard in the morning and a trip to Mount Vernon on the Dolphin in the afternoon.

Inefficiency of Navy Alleged.

A startling disclosure of the presen condition of the United States Navy was made at the afternoon session yesterday by Capt. John Hood, U. S. N., until recently commander of the battleship Delaware, but now a member of the general board of the navy. Capt. Hood said he spoke for himself, and not for the Navy Department, and urged greater publicity for the navy to show the public true

"It is a false impression, widely spread, that we assembled a great fleet of 127 vessels last October, including 31 battleships manned and ready for war," he "Though the navy itself strained every effort, with the officers, men and means provided by Congress, to man and equip this fleet for war, not one single ship of the thirty-one battleships and twenty-four destroyers that constitute the fighting force of that assemblage was ready for war.

"All were under-officered and undermanned; many of the older ships with a bare navigating complement with no thought of readiness to fight. Some were obsolete, and some of the best not fully equipped with the necessaries for war. We have a fleet today too small and hetereogeneous to meet the ends which justify its maintenance, and too large to be carried as a burden for a plaything, and hence without meaning; and this all comes from lack of thought and understanding in the nation at large, or simpler, for want of a naval policy under-stood and advocated by the people.

man already struggling for his life as was Britain in 1812, when our temporary makeshifts and our expedients could suf-fice to carry us through unequal strugles; and the time has come to think and plan; not only for the few, but for all the people of the nation, if we hope to continue on our road of peace and prosperity, while upholding the traditions

and doctrines of our race. "For the nations of today most likely to challenge our rights and policies, and with whom our interests most conflict are the strong men of the nations, armed and ready. Expressed in plain and simple language, the habits of expediency that we have hitherto followed must cease and give way to the steady lav of thought and policy, if we are to hold our place among the nations. Capt. Hood traced the history of the

general board, since its formation i 1900, and said it was "the first light i the dark situation." After carefully studying the situation, both in the United States and in foreign countries, he de-clared, the board formulated a definite naval policy calculated to prove adequate.

Duty of the Government.

"The underlying principles of this pol icy are, first, that the nation should at all times, as an insurance against war, possess a fleet fully equipped and manned quacy of the present law regarding the for war, of a strength sufficient to prevent or answer any probable challenge Congress shortly to ask a more liberal to our national policies; second, that the absolute strength of such a navy is not a fixed, determined quantity, but is relative and depends upon the naval policies and progress of those nations most likely to challenge us; third, that a building program should be inaugurated and progressively continued that would keep our fleet at all times superior in strength to that of the nation or nations most with ours; fourth, to progressively increase the personnel of the fleet with the material, to the end that the whole this is now out of service. leet would at all time be ready for war. "Take as the basis of your naval country say that the United States is policy a building program that will give so far behind in the development of us a fleet of forty-eight first line battle- aerial armament that it seems almost ships, with the lesser units and auxit is hopeless to attain that result by made this year to develop the flying 1920, the date originally called for by arm of the service, which means the the general board policy.'

Hood's Views Indorsed.

Capt. Hood's address caused much discussion. Col. Robert M. Thompson, in a brief talk from the floor, declared that Capt. Hood had "hit the nail on must have a navy large enough to meet | could buy his discharge for \$125 and District spoke against a large navy and said he knew the present administration is against one. Judge Hall of New York between Culebra and Panama. It will and Crawford Frost of Baltimore joined in the discussion.

Perry Belmont, the last speaker yesterday, advocated the formation of a national council of defense to formulate and carry out policies for protecting the movement for the council was indorsed tion in which this saving of sixty days by the democrats at the Baltimore convention, he pointed out, and has received the support of thinking men all over the

The following directors were elected For the year ending March 31, 1914, Carter Harrison Fitzhugh of Chicago, Gov. O'Neil of Alabama, Clarence Ousley of Texas and R. W. Neeser of New York; for the year ending March 31, 1915, J. D. Phelan of San Francisco, George von L Meyer of Massachusetts and Perry Belmont of New York; for the term ending March 31, 1916, A. H. Stayton, J. Pierpont Morgan, Charles L. Poor, Louis A. Osborne, Henry H. Ward, Clinton E. Braine, Beekman Winthrop, William A. Clark and R. A. Long.

KINDNESS NETS HIM MILLION. Physician Is Left Entire Estate of

Man He Befriended. CHICAGO, April 11.-Dr. Edward S. Higley of the suburb of Glen Ellyn. who had no particular idea that he was casting bread upon the waters, in the early eighties lent Charles Froelich \$200 to assist him through a course in the University of Nebraska

Eight years ago Froelich, who had grown wealthy in Australia, visited his former benefactor and repaid the loan with interest compounded. Froelich died recently without heirs and today Dr. Higley learned that his fortune, approximately \$1,000,000, had been left to him.

WOULD GO THROUGH CANAL.

Capt. Amundsen's Request Laid Before Col. Goethals. A report cabled from Christiania, Norway, is to the effect that this government has offered Capt. Amundsen when he

clared that the advance in aeronautics starts on his north polar expedition the The United States is far be- to be the first vessel, other than a warship, to pass through the Panama canal. there no decision has yet been reached by Col. Goethals as to the possibility of plans of his own for improving the canal earlier than other vessels. An application to allow Capt. Amundsen's shir to go through the canal late in the summer or early next fall, in order to of enlistment from four to ten years, avoid the long and dangerous trip around Cape Horn, was made to the Secretary of War, who referred it to Col. Goethals.

FIRST PRIZE IN EVENT 2. Garrison Cup for Class Eleven in

Military Horse Show. Col. Joseph Garrard, 15th Cavalry, com-Secretary Garrison that it has been decided to offer the cup donated by him as the first prize in event 2, class 11, sol-

diers' jumpers, at the military horse show to be held at Fort Myer April 27. 28 and 29. That event is open only to enlisted men of the army riding govern-Col. Garrard said that the Fort Myer command appreciated the Secretary's contribution to the success of the horse

show. "Your real interest in the welfare Porter, president of the league, will of the enlisted men," added Col. Garrard, will strike a responsive chord in hearts of not only the soldiers at this Dr. Frederick Friedmann to Arrive post, but among those of the entire

CARRANZA GOES TO THE FRONT. Situation at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz Reported Quiet.

The Department of State is advised from Mexico that Gov. Carranza and his staff have left Ciudad Porfirio Diaz for the front, which is supposed to be at some point south of Monclova. The situation at Ciudad Porfirio Diaz is reported

arrived in Nuevo Laredo yesterday with vitation from the National Academy of a force of federal troops. A large force Sciences to deliver an address before of laborers is employed repairing the that body Sunday are doubted by officers railroad, and it is expected that trains of the organization. will be running to Monterey early next

Capers Jones and family are well. Reports from Tampico are that eleven political prisoners arrested there on the begin until April 22, and I have no doubt 8th instant, were sent the following day I should have heard of such a plan if any to Mexico City under a military guard.

Congress Not in Session Today. Neither the Senate nor the House was

Heads Department of Botany. CHICAGO, April 11 .- Dr. William Trelease of Boonton, N. J., has been ap-

But the day has passed when we can count on having to do only with the children among nations, or with the strong FOR AERONAUTICS

Gen. Wood and Col. Scriven to Make Appeal Before Congress for Army.

NEED OF BOTH MACHINES AND OPERATORS IS CITED

Officers Say United States Is Far Outdistanced by Other Countries in Flying Arm of Service.

Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, and Col. George P. Scriven, chief signal officer, will appear before appropriation for aeronautics. This country was the first in the world to buy a heavier-than-air flying machine, but owing to the advances made by other countries is now thirteenth on the list in aerial development. The country has twelve or fifteen aeroplanes, only a part of which are in commission, and has no whose policies and interests conflicted dirigible balloons except the one tiny one bought from Capt. Baldwin in 1907, and

> hopeless to try to catch up with the addition of more men as well as more

Both army and navy officers in this

Privates Barred as Aviators.

Up to date none but commissioned officers have been allowed to become aviators, the reason being given that the head," and said the United States if an enlisted man were an aviator he any situation. George H. Beamer of the make more money in exhibition work. The money has gone out of aviation exhibitions now and it has been proved by practical experience of the allies in the Balkans and of the French and Italians in Africa that it is absolutely necessary to have an aviator and an observer in each machine. It is thought, therefore, possible that the army and navy may manage to enlarge its flying personnel by training enlisted men and lors as aviators, having a commissioned officer with each machine as an observer, though the officer may be a qualified aviator also and capable of table covers. handling the machine himself. There has just been a movement startd in the British Isles to raise a popular

France and Germany.

subscription for the purchase of aerial

armament as has been done already in

England Has "Airshipitis." Col. Seely, the secretary of state for var in the British cabinet, has fathered a bill in parliament providing that the planes or dirigibles flying over them at night. This is owing to the fact that Germany has developed an immense aerial fleet and that her dirigibles are said to have recently been flying at night over the English dock yards and naval bases. Germany now has established a line of distance of the English coast, and England has an acute attack of what the

papers there term "airshipitis." The new German dirigibles are powerful affairs. mittee. Some of them have made continuous flights of 800 miles, have a speed in still air of fifty-five miles an hour and can carry a useful load of twenty-seven tons All of them mount light rapid-fire guns, and while the government has made great efforts to guard the reports of their target practice, it is known that they have done some remarkable shooting up to a range of three and a half

Developing Aerial Bombs.

At the same time Germany arm facories have been devoting great attensorts. Besides explosive bombs, the big Navy and of War to report to the dirigibles now carry a special incendiary House the number of saloons and disthrows out a brilliant light that illuminates the ground for several minutes. Another of the special bombs throws out heavy black smoke over an area of 100 yards square, and another is filled with chemicals that produce a poisonous gas that is fatal over the same area and will incapacitate any one twice as far

government and popular subscriptions, is spending more than \$7,000,000 on aeronautics and France in the same way is spending \$4,000,000. In view of this deelopment abroad, the officers of the American army and navy are anxious hat this country should do something to regain its lost position among the powers.

APPLAUDED AT CITY HALL.

Retention of "Corporal" Tanner in Office Warmly Commended.

The news of the decision of President Wilson to retain "Corporal" James Tanner as register of wills for the District pleasure at the city hall, where Mr. Tanner has successfully conducted the office for two terms. Other officials in the building hastened to the office of Corporal Tanner to extend their felicitations in such numbers as to occupy most of the time of the register this afternoon. The news also set at rest the fears entertained by the clerks and officials of the register's office concerning their fu-

TO BE GRIDIRON CLUB GUEST.

Here Tomorrow to Attend Banquet. Dr. Frederick Friedmann, who is at Providence today, instructing four Rhode Island physicians in the use of the vaccine which he claims can cure tuberculosis, will arrive in Washington tomorrow morning, to be the guest of the Gridiron Club tomorrow night at its banquet at the Willard Hotel. John S. Shriver, secretary of the club, has received a telegram from Dr. Friedmann announcing his acceptance of the club's invitation and his intention to Gen. Trucy Aubert is reported to have that Dr. Friedmann has accepted an in-

"I have heard nothing of plans for Dr. week.
In reply to an inquiry, the American Academy of Sciences," Assistant Secreconsul at Mazatlan reports that Dr. F. tary Brockett said today. "The organization will not be in session Sunday, for one thing. Our convention does not were on foot."

Minimum Pay for Women and Girls. A minimum wage of \$9 per week for in session today. The Senate will re- all women and girls employed in interconvene tomorrow and the House Mon- state commerce work and a prohibition against the employment of girls under fifteen years of age are proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Chilton. Under the terms of the measure, the ninedollar minimum wage would apply to all with a revolver while she was picketing.

U. S. SAILORS KILLED DURING STREET FIGHT

Two Meet Death and Three Says Beautiful Capital Is De-Are Wounded at Town on Can Afford It. Mexican Coast.

GUAYMAS, Sonora, Mexico, April 11.-Two sailors of the United States cruiser priations committee of the Senate and RELATION OF SWAMPS California were killed and three others also a member of the Senate District comwounded in a street fight Wednesday mittee, declared today that he saw no morning at Mazatlan, a Pacific coast port reason for abandoning the half-and-half below this point. Two or three Mexican principle of paying the expenditures of policemen were wounded in attempting the District of Columbia, one-half of the to arrest the American sailors. Admiral money coming from the revenues of the Prevention of Floods by Artificial Cowles is investigating the incident.

The Navy Department's news of the killing of the California's sailors was received today by wireless message from penses of the National Capital was incorthe cruiser to the San Diego station, dat- porated in the so-called organic act of This message from Admiral Cowles was to the effect that William Wallace Corrie. seaman, and John Chase Klesow, masterat-arms, first class, were killed yester-

day in a street altercation while ashore was investigating the trouble. Klesow, as master-at-arms of the ship, was not likely to have engaged in any disorderly outbreaks. He was eleven years in the naval service, and his father lives in San Francisco. Corrie has served two years, and

his next of kin is A. S. J. Corrie of Los It is known that there have been repeated displays of strong anti-American feeling at certain of the west coasts of Mexican ports; and not long ago Capt. Washington of the cruiser Denver reported that two of the officers had been assaulted while ashore at Guaymas.

SUFFRAGISTS EXPLAIN DEFEAT IN MICHIGAN splendid city it now is.

House Member From Washington State Promises Support for Proposed Amendment.

Woman suffrage headquarters, at 1420 been called to my attention. street, presented a new appearance today as a result of a determination of

Up to the present the headquarters has had the appearance of an ordinary office, barren of any womanly touch. Mrs. Dorothy Earle has been named chairman Street Cars Run Under Miliday began installing rugs, curtains and

Representative Bryan of Washington

state wrote to the suffragists today promising his earnest support for their proposed constitutional amendment giving nation-wide suffrage. He said he had been elected partly by woman voters, and felt that he represented them as much as his man constituents. Miss Alice Paul, chairman of the concommittee of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, issued a formal statement today bearing on the defeat of suffrage in Michigan. She said that the anti-suffragists had concentrated all their efforts in that state, and had made a very determined The fact that crops were being planted and that many farmers were kept from the polls by the floods lessened the farmer vote, with which the suffragists expected to win, she declared Dr. Mary Walker was a visitor at sufeight airship stations, all within striking frage headquarters this morning. She held a long conference with Miss Paul. She is not optimistic about the results of the efforts of the congressional com-

PROBE OF CONDITIONS.

Bill Authorizing Inquiry Regarding Saloons Near Military Posts.

Information as to conditions surrounding military and naval posts throughout the country is called for by a resolution today prepared for sentative Hobson of Alabama. The trained motormen. tion to developing airship bombs of all resolution directs the Secretaries of the bomb that not only starts a fire, but orderly places now operated within a mile radius of military posts, and to recommend the extent of the zone surrounding each post in which it would be expedient to forbid the issuing of liquor licenses.

INSPECT LOWER MISSISSIPPI

Germany this year, together with the Gen. W. H. Bixby to Accompany River Commission on Trip. Gen. William H. Bixby, chief of engi-

neers of the army, has gone to St. Louis for the purpose of accompanying the members of the Mississippi river commission on a trip of inspection of the Mississippi from St. Louis to New Orleans. The party will start from St. Louis tomorrow and the trip to the Crescent City Cutter Seminole Attempts to Drag will consume about ten days' time, as the commissioners desire to visit many places along the route and give hearings at the principal cities interested in the improvement of the river and the protection of the surrounding country from Gen. Bixby, formerly was president of

the mississippi river commission, an office now held by Col. C. McD. Townsend, Corps of Engineers.

SCALES FOR PARCEL POST. Postmaster General Burleson Orders

25,500 More Sets. For parcel post purposes 25,500 sets of scales were contracted for today by Postmaster Géneral Burleson. This chased during the past few months for use in the new system more than 60,000. It is expected many thousands more will be needed in the near future. The present contract includes 500 automatic scales for use in the larger post offices of the country. This type, which has been designed especially for the parcel post, will show not only the again introduced the bill which has weight, but the actual amount of post- twice passed the Senate, but which was This morning they called upon Chief things, to inflate the pride of at least definitely. of the eight zones at a glance.

BOLTING SOLONS RETURN.

Passed by the House.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 11.-During consideration by the house of representatives of the general appropriation bill. carrying expense money for the state for the next two years, nine independent outside of Tennessee since April 1, entered the hall, restoring a quorum. Five "regular" democrats sought to but were counted as if present and not voting. The bill was announced passed.

Manufacturer Accused by Striker. PATERSON, N. J., April 11.-The strike here developed a new phase today, with

the arrest of Joseph Fisher, a silk manufacturer, on the charge by Grace Fasolino, a striker, that he threatened her

SENATOR MARTIN FOR HALF-AND-HALF PLAN

manded and Government

Senator Martin, chairman of the appro-District and the other half from the federal Treasury.

"This method of caring for the exthe District of Columbia of 1878, and was in vogue when I came to the Senate,' said Senator Martin. "It has proved satisfactory in the past, I understand, and method of appropriating for the District Both men had fine service records and has not been raised in the Senate, as I remember.

> Government Can Afford It. "Even if the government is paying afford to continue to do so. The people of the nation demand a beautiful capital upon the residents of the District would Man's Interest in Flood Protection." not afford a sufficient revenue alone for the citizens of the District in years gone by could not have borne this burden of y upon the taxes raised in the District of longevity. Washington would not have been the

"The city must continue to grow. I do not know whether the government, if axed upon its holdings in this city, would to report its plan for the creation of a have to pay a sum equal to one-half of the money now appropriated by Congress. ple of appropriating for the District, una change. So far no such reasons have der the new department.

today as a result of a determination of the suffragists to install decorations and homelike features.

tary Guard—Railway Issues Statement.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 11.-With street cars running under military guard were brought to bear today upon the corporation and its striking carmen to reach an arbitration agreement

Mayor Fuhrmann sought to reopen the negotiations deadlocked last night, and the state board of mediation began an investigation of the whole strike situa-The railway company today published

pers giving the terms upon which it agrees to settle the strike. These are, briefly, the re-employment, unconditionally, of every man in the service of the about \$250,000,000. company on the day before the strike inion or not"; discussion of complaints, grievances or troubles of any character with "a committee of its employes" after the restoration of its service, and arbicommittee and the company fail to agree. The district attorney announced today that, in response to complaints of citizens, he would present to the grand jury the Mississippi river? evidence as to whether the company had

HELD OF UNSOUND MIND.

Helen Kelly to Be Taken to Philadelphia Following Jury's Verdict. A woman giving the name of Helen Kelly was adjudged of unsound mind by a jury before Justice Gould in Criminal Evans of Chicago said malaria could Court No. 2, today, following testimony be annihilated in the south by fighting that she had called at the White House mosquitoes, draining swamps, educat-

ed was due her in Philadelphia. She was arrested after she had made a number of attempts to get by the guards at the White House. She will be sent to

TUSSELS WITH DERELICT.

Schooner Into Port.

Battling a rough sea with the helpless derelict British schooner Bartholdi in her wake at the end of a towline, the revenue cutter Seminole is having a tough tussle off the coast of Florida to reach port with her burden. The Seminole discovered the abandoned

merce and endeavored to take her to Cape Fear, N. C. The wind and heavy sea soon toppled the schooner over and now she is bottom up with the Seminole awaiting a favorable opportunity to drag her into port. The Bartholdi was bound from Mobile to Marcorin and the fate of her crew is unknown.

Will Advocate Senate Bill.

The committee selected in Chicago y terday to urge upon President Wilson the establishment of a federal bureau of markets is expected to secure attention during the present session of Congress for a bill now pending to create the proposed new division in the agricultural department. Senator Hoke Smith has ence committee dropped it from the agricultural appropriation bill. The Smith bill would create a perma-

Funeral of Mrs. Monks.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hattie I. Monks, the wife of Policeman B. D. civic matters. democrats, who have been on a filibuster Monks, will be held at her late home, 128 Massachusetts avenue nor hwest, tomorbreak the quorum by leaving the hall, ny. Interment, in Congressional cemetery, will be private.

> married only six months ago. Seneca Fails to Find Icebergs.

The first wireless word from the revenue cutter Seneca, patrolling transatlantic steamship lanes to warn shipping against cebergs, was received today. Reporting today that he intends addressing the women employed in transportation, tele-graph and like interstate service and to dreds of strikers have been arrested 340 miles southeast of Newfoundland with Senate during the coming week on a bill, We drift from war to war without thought for the future, and position for many years.

Senate during the coming week on a bill, federal guard.

Senate during the coming week on a bill, since the strike began, but this is the no icebergs in sight, the cutter will sail which he has introduced, making it unsured to find the exact location of lawful to publish details of crime and so interstate commerce.

DRAINAGE OF LANDS NO CHANGE IN VIEW UNDER ONE SYSTEM FOR CLERKS' HOURS

Committees in States Under Consideration.

Means Theme of Address at National Conference.

one of the many side conferences. A conference to discuss malaria, at floods to disease was considered, also was

Col. W. E. Piper of Chicago, chairman

afternoon on "the reclamation of North stand it, because we have no way to rains pours into the Mississippi through Prevention of floods was presented as

reckless disregard of known laws of na- be, and some of them actually intolture by the business men of this coun-

Control of Water Discussed. "Today the same men are slowly awak-

ening to the fact that even yet, by arover only ten miles of the International thereby regain the wealth we have lost, world has ever known. "What would it have meant from strictly business point of dollars lost,

production stopped, commerce and traffic crippled, if the floods had not occurred in Ohio and Indiana? What has it cost the manufacturing and mercantile estab disaster?

"In 1912 the Mississippi valley suffered he worst flood probably within history. The recorded damage to property was

Why do our business associations spend so much money and send their representatives to the orient to develop tration of differences upon which this a Chinese trade, the very elements of which they do not understand, when we have an undeveloped empire along

"Your attention is challenged to the eissippi river and its tributaries contains about two-fifths the total area of the United States, in which most productive portion of the country you are faced every year with the losses caused by loods, the interference with transportation and commerce and consequently re-

duced purchasing power of the people."

March 8 to urge President Wilson to ing the people to sleep behind screens the building association. help her collect \$65,000, which she claim- and distributing quinine to those who couldn't buy it.

> paign would wipe out the disease. In oddressing the congress Dr. Evans said the extinction of the mosquito would add \$10 to the value of every acre of land in the south, and under anti-malarial conditions the total corn crop would be

> ularly in Chicago. He said negroes brought from the south to work on the Chicago drainage canal infected mosquitoes with malaria, and then it was necessary to take measures to stamp out

Upon High Government Officials.

come to Washington tomorrow morning.

Reports from Providence to the effect

Tennessee Appropriation Bill Finally cial marketing methods. The start dent Wilson, Secretary of State Bryan, toward this end was made in the last Senator Elihu Reot of New York and Congress, when an appropriation of \$50.Representative Oscar W. Underwood of stands. This is where the boys come 000 was secured for the purposes named. Alabama.

Justice White and Mr. Bryce urged the cannot catch he will return to his young men to take part in the national position immediately so that the game and local political questions as well as

leagues of fifty-nine colleges and unirow afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services will versities and has for its purpose the probe conducted by Rev. William I. McKen- motion of interest among the young men of the colleges in political questions. They are urged to take part in the campaigns in the towns in which their colleges are Saite of Columbia University, New York The delegates, who are from all over the

Would Ban News of Crime. Senator Works of California announced

(Continued from First Page.) the head of every department has full au-

thority under the law to regulate the service is this particular. Mr. Burleson Keeps Long Hours. At the Post Office Department it was stated that since March 5. Mr. Burle-

son himself has worked on an average of

almost ten hours every day. One official who has had long experi-TO MALARIAL DISEASE ence in the department declared such a lengthening of hours would be a great mistake. They will not improve the efficiency of the clerks, he declares, nor get more work in the long run by the Levee Patrol Increased at Cairo, Ill. additional hour. This has been proved in the experience with the additional half hour which was added by President Roosevelt's executive order in January. 1904, after Representative Gillette of Massachusetts, had declared the law was

oday the work of organizing the various ficient supervisory employes who would we have always agreed to it in the Sen- local drainage boards and committees see that the clerks under them did what river stages as far south as Graves was required of them; that the honest, hardworking employe was not sacrificed Memphis. At Memphis the gauge read by the shirk. "Increase the hours," he added, "and you punish the men who are already doing the work, but the shirk hours. At Osceola the river receded bewhich the relation of swamp lands and will not suffer. He is an adept in evad- tween four and five inches. ing rules as well as duty. "The great majority of the force today

> "Time and again, under the act of March 1883, or the later act, men and women too are being required to work overtime or money to them. The clerk with the pull gets the promotion; the clerk who has not gets the work, the overtime and the abuse where there is any abuse."

Speaks of Living Conditions.

Another employe raised the point that living conditions in Washington are based upon the beginning of the official day at 9 a.m. "It is hard enough to get our fast to prevent our being late now. If we have to be at work at 8 o'clock in the morning the burden will fall upon the continue to favor the half-and-half princi- The committee has not yet reached an women of our homes, our wives and phis to the stricken territory to bring off "The average servant will not report

> better ourselves." Still another raised the point "The recent sanitary commissions which above the 1912 stages.

partment buildings is foul and the ven- registered 54.4 feet here today, a fall of tilation poor. The general temperature is one-tenth of an inch since last night. Beregulated to suit the weakliest of the "Fresh air is a rarity, except in the rooms occupied by the chiefs who can

and all of whom are provided with good

ventilators which are denied to the President Andrew W. McKee of the and add the new wealth we have not newly formed National Association of yet realized to power development, real Civil Service Employes, declared this morning that the association would take existing industry and adding an inland no part in any movement of the clerks empire of the most productive land the to combat the extra hour plan. It was pointed out that the objects of the association were along another line. Mr. McKee said that the efforts of the as-

ABSORPTION OF FUNDS BY PAYMENT OF NOTE

Stockholders of Defunct Building Association Likely to Be Minus Dividends.

There will be no funds to distribute among the stockholders of the defunct First Co-operative Building Association of Georgetown, if an opinion rendered today by Justice Barnard in Equity Court No. 1 is sustained in the Court of Appeals. Justice Barnard upholds the validity of a note for \$27,000, given by the association to the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank of Georgetown, and later purchased president, who was also an official of

Brown, and is expected to note an appeal from the decision.

association, opposed the claim of Mr.

Sum of \$32,000 in Accounts. about \$32,000 has been realized from accounts due the building association. The court costs, expenses and fees will probpractically has been eliminated, partic- ably eat up the balance of this fund after Mr. Brown's claim of \$27,000 has

pending five years. View of the Court.

Justice Barnard holds that the note cago, New York and Brooklyn each had was authorized by the board of directors Samuel Richards Succumbs to nothing new. India, China and Italy have constitution and that the money was borrowed for the benefit of stockholders. He declares the note must be paid before any distribution is made to stockholders. The receiver is authorized to pay all proper charges and expenses of receivership ahead of the note. Attorneys C. H. Cragin and J. J. Dar lington appeared for the estate of Mr Brown, who died during the litigation.

SEEKS TO SHORTEN GAMES. President Ban Johnson of American League Has New Scheme.

CHICAGO, April 11 .- In the matter in Police Court before Judge Pugh this of speeding up ball games in the morning on a charge of assault with a of the Intercollegiate Civic League in American League President Ban John-dangerous weapon. She was released on son has a plan calculated, with other \$1,000 bond and her trial postponed in-A new ball will be put into play every time a foul is hit, even if it does in. If it is a foul which the fielder

INSURRECTO ROBS TRAIN.

may proceed, while the small boy re-

trieves the ball. Whether these as-

sistants shall be in uniform has not

Mexican Leader Secures \$75,000 in Silver Bullion. EL PASO, Tex., April 11.-Pancho

Villa, who has taken the field in Chi-

huahua state against the Huerta government yesterday held up a passenger train east of Chihuahua City and took was postponed owing to the rain.
150 bars of silver buillon valued at \$75,000. BOSTON, April 11.—American: The hold-up occurred at Santa Ysabel Philadelphia postponed-rain. on the Mexican Northwestern railway. The passengers were not molested nor was there any resistance by the small

MISSISSIPPI LOWER, SO MEMPHIS HEARS

Flood Fighters in Tennessee **Encouraged in Latest**

FALL IN OHIO RIVER

Reports.

LESS THAN AN INCH

Because of Continued High Water.

Rains at End for Present. MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 11.-Flood fighters behind the Mississippi levees were encouraged today by reports of lower bayou, about twenty-five miles from 44.7, a fall of 1.8 in the past twenty-four

Official reports today indicate that the crest of the flood is off Barfield point, 107 miles north of Memphis, but the two breaks near Wilson and the crevasse at Graves bayou has relieved the pressure on the levees in this stretch of the river to such an extent that little further

According to officials of the St. Francis levee board, the water from the breaks

Cool, sunny weather today brought additional labor to the levees throughout the district. Boats have gone from Mem-

Officials agree that the gravest danger now lies below Memphis, when the wathe St. Francis and Arkansas rivers South of Helena, Ark., work on the levees the embankments from two to three fee

Levee Patrol Increased.

CAIRO, Ill., April 11.-The Ohio river cause of the continued high water, the levee patrol has been increased.

The Illinois Central railroad is getting

trains through the flood drainage district

where the water is two feet over the

tracks, thereby opening direct service between New Orleans and Chicago. The relief expedition to the Wabash river bottoms returned last night on the steamer City of Cairo. Members of the party reported that conditions up the Ohio are deplorable. Only one or two points between Cairo

Critical at Caruthersville. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., April 11 -Adjutant Gen. O'Meara telegraphed to Gov. Major today that the flood situation was critical at Caruthersville, Mo., that the stores there were closed and all oitizens were working on the levess The

river is stationary, but is expected to begin falling Sunday.

Special Flood Bulletin. The weather bureau's special flood bulletin today follows: The rainfall in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys is practically at an end for the present. The Ohio river has fallen sharply between Pittsburgh and Louisville, The rains of the last few cays, however, will check the fall, but an important rise is not anticipated. At Cairo the stage Friday morning was 54.4 feet, a fall of 0.1 foot in the last twenty-four hours. The Mississippi at Memphis Friday morning was at a stage of 44.7 feet, a fall of 1.8 feet in the last twenty-four hours, due to the effects of breaks in the Arkansas levees. The stage at Vicksburg was 47.3

feet, a rise of 0.8 foot in the last twentyfour hours. The stage at New Orleans was 16.7 feet, a rise of 0.1 foot in the last twenty-four hours. The effect of the heavy rains in the lower Mississippi valley will be to increase the crest stages in the New Orleans district, provided, of course, the levees hold. Revised forecast stages are as follows: Natchez, Miss., 53 to 54 feet

Samuel Richards, colored, of 404 South Capitol street, died at Emergency Hospital shortly after noon today of a fractured skull. He was taken to the hospital Wednesday night suffering from a ound caused, it was said, by an um

Following the death of Richards this afternoon the woman was notified that her bond would be increased to \$3,000, which she immediately furnished. The woman claims that Richards fell on the umbrella, and was injured in this way. An inquest will be held at the morgue

American Cablegram Pleases Lipton. LONDON, April 11 .- Sir Thomas Lipton is deriving great pleasure from a cablegram received by him today from the Yacht Racing Association of Massachusetts, which reads: "The Yacht Racing Association of Massachusetts applauds the sportsmanship of your unconditional challenge. Wish you well-sailed match in 1914."

Ball Games Prevented by Rain.

CHICAGO, April 11.-National: Chicago-NEW YORK, April 11 .- National: Bos-

BOSTON, April 11.-American: Boston-

Federation of Boards and

ST. LOUIS, April 11.-The delegates to the national drainage congress began liberty. The admiral added that he ate. The question of changing the into a national drainage federation. Plans for such a federation were explained at

> generous share of the expenses of the held today, and the report was submitted is fully earning the salaries that are National Capital, I believe it can well to the general meeting of the congress. While the congress was waiting for this report it heard an address by Frank R. city. I am of the opinion that taxation Knight of Chicago on "The Business for which no allowance is made in time the upbuilding of Washington. Certainly of the legislative committee of the National Fraternal Congress, spoke on the taxation, or if the improvements of the interest of fraternal insurance orders in city had been compelled to depend entire- drainage as it affects actuaries' tables

Government Bureau in View. The executive committee was not ready national department of public works un-Perhaps not. But I believe that I will der the supervision of a cabinet member. agreement as to what branches of the mothers. less some good reasons are advanced for government service should be placed un-

> "The floods we have faced today, last year and in this long series of calamities have examined the departments have that have passed have been due to the found them far below what they should

> tificial means, we may control water, by regulate the windows to suit themselves dams, flood reservoirs and flood channels, levees, drainage and reforestation, and clerks." nland navigation, protection of life and

lishments of Dayton alone, and what would these institutions have given, could they, by thus giving, have prevented the

An Undeveloped Empire.

introduction in the House by Repre- violated the law requiring it to use only fact that the drainage area of the Mis-

Methods of Fighting Malaria. At the malarial conference Dr. W. A

He said that a swift, spectacular cam-Dr. Evans said that in Illinois malaria

more malaria than any southern state has today. The fight against malaria is had to handle the problem."

Civic League Delegates Call Attorney J. S. Easby-Smith represented

About seventy-five delegates who attended the seventh annual convention New York yesterday came here today. finally lost last session when a confer- Justice White of the Supreme Court two boys at every game. of the United States and British Am- Johnson announced the plan upon his bassador Bryce, and later attended a with the prophecy that it would shortnent division for the gathering and distribution of produce market news and afternoon they were received by Presi- minutes. the study of co-operative and commer-

The league is composed of the civic been determined.

Mrs. Monks died suddenly at her home located and to even make speeches in early Wednesday morning, after only two the interest of various candidates. The days' illness. Mr. and Mrs. Monks were party is in charge of Prof. Edwin M country, will leave for their home tonight.

being violated in not requiring seven full hours of labor of the employes in the executive departments. The great need, he said, was of ef

trouble is anticipated.

at Wilson already has penetrated farther into the interior than last year, indicating that the entire eastern part of Arkansas from the river inland to Gilmore, thirty miles distant, will be overflowed. Boats to Aid Stricken.

flood sufferers and livestock. for duty before 7 o'clock in the morn-Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, state geologist ing, and some of them do not report ters from breaks in the Arkansas levees of North Carolina, will speak late this until long after 7 o'clock. We have to and the swollen flood from the western profitable business proposition by Mr. health, which he declared an important is being rushed with the hope of having

and Mount Vernon, Ind., are above water. In many places the river is thirtysociation would not even be used to five miles wide. More than 4,000 refugees obtain increases in salaries for civil are camped at Wickliffe, Ky., and on nearby hills.

William E. Ambrose, receiver of the Baton Rouge, La., 43.8 to 44.8 feet; Donaldsonville, La., 34.7 to 35.7 feet; New Orleans, La., 22 to 22.5 feet, in the latter part of April or early in May. The ex-

treme height at the latter station depends somewhat upon the winds. been satisfied. The receivership has been DES FROM PUNCH IN EVE

> Injury, Gertrude Bennett Awaiting Trial.

brella which had been punched in one of his eyes. Gertrude Bennett, also colored, was arrested by the police of the fourth precinct following the affair and was arraigned

Amount of Bond Increased.

tomorrow morning at 11:30 o'clock.

Today's Washington-New York game

St. Louis game postponed-wet grounds. PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—National: Brooklyn-Philadelphia, postponed—rain. ton-New York game postponed-rain.